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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: Fergus Rupert FITZGERALD

Serial No.: 09/872906

Group Art Unit: 1733

Filed: June 1, 2001

Examiner: Vivek D. Koppikar

For: TANK LINING

RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

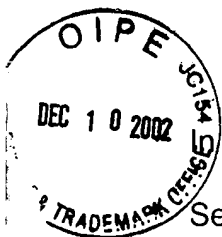
Sir:

In response to the Official Letter mailed June 10, 2002, kindly place the following remarks in the above-captioned application.

REMARKS

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Official Letter. The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 1-26 drawn to a method of lining a storage tank and Group II, claims 27-33 drawn to a storage tank. The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-26 drawn to the method of lining the storage tank. This election is made with traverse.

The Examiner argues as the process as claimed can be used to make a different product and that the product as claimed can be made by a materially different process. It will be seen that the product claimed in claim 27 is "A tank whenever lined by the method as claimed in claim 1." Therefore, clearly the tank cannot be made by another method but



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